

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Wednesday, December 5, 2012

In Attendance: Fr. M. Barber, D. Barbeau, E. Blessing, C. Boyd, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, J. Giancola, P. Gregory, R. Hindi, L. Israel, R. Joubert, D. Lohe, A. Rule, S. Sanchez, B. Sokol, K. Syberg, S. Tyuse, J. Welch, E. Whitt

Guests: Heather Bednarek, Donna LaVoie, Donald Linhorst, Mary McGuire, Norman White

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The November 7, 2012 minutes with the corrections notated.

Updates:

- a. Minor in IPE:
 - The Faculty Subcommittee met with Dr. Ruebling on November 14
 - Dr. Ruebling provided answers to the committee's question on assessment
 - PHIL 205 is the recommended philosophy course for students working toward the minor in IPE
 - Dr. Whitt will take the proposal to Dr. Patankar for his review
- b. GIS Certificate:
 - Dr. Wulamu resubmitted the proposal with the sub-committee's recommendation
 - Drs. Sanchez, Whitt and Wulamu met to clarify questions on assessment and the flow chart
 - The sub-committee approved the proposal with the minor corrections made
 - Dr. Patankar will present this as an "informational only" item to the members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at the December 14 meeting

New Proposal:

- a. Changes in B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice:
 - The Department of Criminal Justice was transferred from the College of Arts & Sciences to the School of Social Work and changed the program from B.A. in Criminal Justice to a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
 - In September 2012, the Board of Trustees approved a new *College for Public Health and Social Justice* which included the School of Social Work
 - The core of this program will go from 63 credit hours under A&S to a similar core of 54 credit hours in the School of Social Work
 - The number of credit hours in the major will increase from 36 hours to 39 hours
 - Students will be able to modify the major curriculum requirements which will allow them to adapt the program to meet their career choices
 - The Department of Communication has been asked if they will be able to accommodate the extra number of students because of the communication component
 - Current students will still earn a B.A. from the College of A&S
 - Students and parents have been notified of the changes
 - ✓ Fr. Barber stated that the changes in the A&S core needed to be clearer especially for the philosophy course

- ✓ Drs. Linhorst, McGuire and White were asked to have the responses to the committee before the December 12 meeting

Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes Updates:

- Dr. Dorsey outlined the work of the Student Learning Outcomes Committee
 - ✓ They have been meeting weekly since March 2012
 - ✓ In May 2012 met with stakeholder groups across SLU to get input and feedback on outcomes
 - ✓ In June 2012 attended 5 day conference on learning outcomes
 - ✓ Feedback from these groups lead to the development of the second and third draft of the outcomes
 - ✓ The third draft was made available to the SLU community via a website devoted to the outcomes
 - ✓ In October 2012 multiple open fora were held on the Frost, HSC and Madrid Campuses
 - ✓ By November 2012 drafts of the University-Wide SLO had been discussed with 28 groups, comprised of approximately 450 faculty, staff, students and administrators
 - ✓ The final version of the University-Wide Student Learning Outcomes will be presented to UAAC, CADD and the President's Coordinating Council
- Dr. LaVoie outlined Stage 2:
 - ✓ In the Spring 2013, the committee will develop common evaluation rubrics of specific, measurable student performance criteria for all undergraduates
 - ✓ Rubrics will be used to assess institutional performance on the outcomes
 - ✓ Assessment data will be used for improvement of institutional efforts regarding undergraduate student success
 - ✓ Stage 3 will analyze the extent to which all current programs facilitate achievement of expected performance criteria established in the evaluation rubrics of the University-Wide SLO

UAAC unanimously endorsed the SLO document.

The meeting adjourned at 10am.